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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides improved powder-free gloves having improved cleanliness as well as desired ergonomics over current natural rubber latex gloves. By controlling the formulation used to construct the gloves, a wide range of physical performance, aging resistance, as well as high cleanliness can be achieved. To this end, the present invention provides a powder-free glove constructed from a sequential copolymer. In an embodiment, the sequential copolymer is chosen from the group consisting of: poly(styrene-b-isoprene-b-styrene); poly(styrene-b-ethylene butylene-b-styrene); poly(styrene-b-ethylene propylene-b-styrene); radial and teleblock copolymers of the type (SI)_x, (SB)_x, and the like; and graft copolymers.

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- 1. Claims: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9-20

 Powder-free glove constructed from sequential copolymer chosen from the group consisting of: poly(styrene-b-isoprene-b-styrene); poly(styrene-b-butadiene-b-styrene); poly(styrene-b-ethylene propylene-b-styrene); poly(styrene-b-ethylene propylene-b-styrene); poly(styrene-b-ethylene propylene-b-styrene); radial and teleblock copolymers of the type (SI)x' and (SB)x' and the like.
- 2. Claims: 1, 2-4, 8-20
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- 3. Claims: 1, 6, 8-20 Powder-free glove constructed from sequential copolymer including an acrylic polymer.

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